Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
March 29, 2017
SF 466
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Caron Inouye, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik, Chongqi Wu.
Absent: Christian Roessler, Maureen Scharberg.
Guests: Glen Perry.

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 2:02.

1. Approval of Agenda. (M Soules/S Nielsen/P).
2. Approval of minutes.
   a. March 15. (M Liberti/S Wu/P).
3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair. Glass said she will not attend next week’s meeting. Watnik will chair and Liberti will serve as secretary. There was a question whether Roessler was continuing in Fricke’s place and Glass said it was our impression that he was. Glass asked about the progress of the cross-listing document. Watnik said that it will be on an upcoming CIC agenda.
   b. Report of General Education Director. Inouye asked to be sure that everyone saw the call for freshmen learning communities (they did). Inouye said that the system-wide GE task force was convened and that concerns were raised that the group might be superfluous in light of the request for information from the Chancellor’s Office. Soules asked about sophomore clusters. Inouye noted that the current plan is to use block enrollment for second composition and Library courses. She said that there might be “linked courses” for general education. The “golden four” courses (A1, A2, A3, B4) would be linked, but not thematically tied to the courses. Liberti asked about what happens when the courses have higher than required caps.
   c. Report of Semester Conversion. Perry said that he is interested in a couple of the items on the agenda. Curriculum development is being moved from “green” to “yellow” meaning that this could be a “risk to the project”. Some GE/GR courses and some major or service courses are not yet approved. The GE/GR courses are “in pretty good shape” as are the program approvals.
4. Business (courses available in Curriculog):
   a. Consent courses.
   b. Full Committee Review. Before starting, Glass noted that she has a file called “stalled courses”. She asked that subgroups send reminders and that a deadline of April 17th be noted in the reminders.
i. PHIL 321. (M Soules/S Bliss/P 8-1) for Social Justice Overlay. (The course had already been approved for C4.)

ii. PHIL 375. (M Watnik/S Calvo/P 7-0-2) to reject the Social Justice Overlay application. (The course had already been approved for C4.) It was noted that this application was so general so that it could be taught anyway the instructor desires, but does not conform to the learning outcomes.

iii. SOC 480. The Diversity requirement requires emphasis on US groups. Subcommittee members suggested resubmitting under the Social Justice requirement. (M Calvo/S Nielsen/P unanimous) to reject the Diversity Overlay overlay.

iv. THEA 102. (M Nielsen/S Calvo/P) to approve as C3. Concerns were expressed about the title of the course.

v. THEA 232. This course had been approved on March 1.
   c. CIC 62 (B6). (M Liberti/S Nielsen/P). There was some wordsmithing.
   d. B5 area coverage. (M Nielsen/S Bliss/P) to approve the proposal, subject to formatting changes to be made by Watnik.
   e. CO Feedback. There was long discussion about the feedback form proposed.

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:54. (M Inouye/S Liberti/P).

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary